



THOMAS M. MENINO

Mayor

DEAR DOG OWNER:

The City of Boston, as required by law, mandates the annual licensing of dogs, within the city. The licensing of dogs is critical in assisting Boston Animal Control in the prevention of rabies and other associated health problems. It also provides security for pet owners and enhances the general public health and safety of our citizens.

The City of Boston strictly enforces the licensing of dogs as a health assurance to the public and as a safety and identification measure for your pet. To this extent, dog owners may be subject to fines if their pet remains unlicensed. As you fill out your application, please remember that:

- you must be at least 18 years of age
- you must provide proof of an updated rabies vaccination (if applicable)
- provide verification that your dog has been spayed or neutered
- you must pay all of your outstanding violations

I encourage all dog owners to comply with the law and license their animals. Please remember that a pet license is valid from April 1 through March 31, of each year.

Please print out the registration form and return it with the appropriate materials to Animal Control, Room 811, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA 02201. If you have any questions or require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Animal Control staff at 617-635-5348 or 617-635-5349.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Giannangelo
Director

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CITY OF BOSTON
ANIMAL CONTROL – ROOM 811
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Please **READ** and **FOLLOW** these instructions in order to avoid inconvenience and considerable additional costs to you at a later date.

1. BY STATE LAW, ALL OWNER/KEEPERS OF DOG(S) MUST LICENSE THEIR DOG(S) BEGINNING APRIL 1ST OF EACH YEAR, IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE IF THE DOG NEVER LEAVES YOUR PROPERTY, YOU MUST LICENSE YOUR DOG(S) (M.G.L., Chap. 140, Sect. 137)
2. ANY PERSON WHO BECOMES THE OWNER/KEEPER OF A DOG SIX MONTHS OLD OR OLDER DURING ANY LICENSE PERIOD SHALL CAUSE IT TO BE LICENSED. LICENSES CANNOT BE ISSUED TO A PERSON(S) UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE. (M.G.L., Chap. 140, Sect. 137) PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO LICENSE YOUR DOG IS \$25.00
3. YOU MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION CERTIFICATE. IF YOUR DOG(S) IS SPAYED OR NEUTERED A COPY OF THIS CERTIFICATE MUST ALSO BE PROVIDED.
4. **FEES FOR DOG LICENSE. SELECT ONE THAT DESCRIBES YOUR DOG:**
INTACT MALE OR INTACT FEMALE \$17.00
NEUTERED MALE OR SPAYED FEMALE \$ 6.00
5. **IF THE LICENSE IS LOST DURING THE CURRENT LICENSE YEAR, A SUBSTITUTE LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED AT A COST OF \$2.00**
6. ON JUNE 1ST, USING A COMPUTERIZED LIST, THE DOG OFFICERS WILL BEGIN A DOOR TO DOOR SURVEY. AN OWNER/KEEPER OF AN UNLICENSED DOG WILL BE FINED \$25.00, PLUS \$15.00 FOR EVERY DAY THE DOG IS NOT LICENSED.
7. IN ORDER TO AID THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT AND IDENTIFY YOUR DOG(S) SHOULD IT BECOME LOST, YOU MUST CLEARLY LIST THE BREED OF DOG YOU OWN. (i.e. SHEPHARD/COLLIE/X OR CHIHUAHUA/BEAGLE/X OR PITBULL/LAB/X)
8. MAKE YOUR CHECK/MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO ANIMAL CONTROL, CITY OF BOSTON. (NO CASH)
9. **YOU MUST INCLUDE A STAMPED SELF-ADDRESSED #10 ENVELOPE FOR THE RETURN OF YOUR DOCUMENTS**

OWNER NAME: _____

PHONE# HOME (____) _____ CELL (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT# _____

SECTION OF CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

E-MAIL: _____

First or Only dog

DOG NAME _____ COLOR _____ BREED _____

SEX: MALE / NEUTERED MALE FEMALE / SPAYED FEMALE AGE: YR _____ MON _____

Rabies Vx issued on ____/____/____ Rabies Vx expires on ____/____/____ License # A ____ - _____

Second dog

DOG NAME _____ COLOR _____ BREED _____

SEX: MALE / NEUTERED MALE FEMALE / SPAYED FEMALE AGE: YR _____ MON _____

Rabies Vx issued on ____/____/____ Rabies Vx expires on ____/____/____ License # A ____ - _____

Third dog

DOG NAME _____ COLOR _____ BREED _____

SEX: MALE / NEUTERED MALE FEMALE / SPAYED FEMALE AGE: YR _____ MON _____

Rabies Vx issued on ____/____/____ Rabies Vx expires on ____/____/____ License # A ____ - _____

INFORMATION REQUIRED (PLEASE ENCLOSE)

☐ SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE ☐ LICENSE FEE (CHECK / MONEY ORDER) ☐ RABIES CERTIFICATE / SPAY / NEUTER CERTIFICATE

OWNER SIGNATURE _____

DATE ____/____/____